

MEDICAL LIST (April '24)

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[16 items]

1. Valsalva, A M & Du Verney, G J - EAR - HEARING. **De Aure Humana Tractatus** - BOUND WITH - **Tractatus de Organo Auditus.**

Leyden: Langerak, 1735/1730.

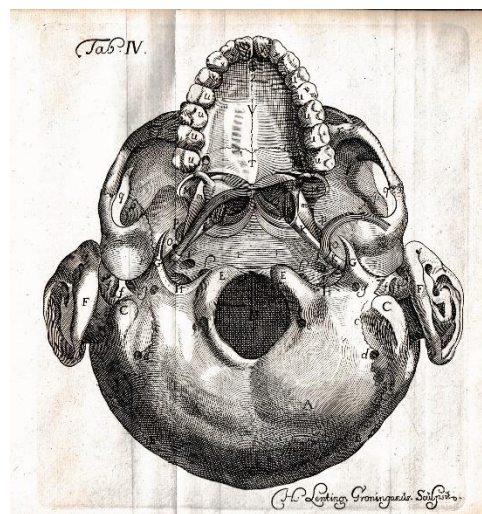
Later Printings. Small 4to, I - [14], [1] - 143, [13 - index] + 10 folding copperplate engravings; II - [16], [1] - 76, [4 - publisher's catalog of medical books] + 16 plates (some folding).

Very good. The Valsalva has a tear in the blank margin of the titlepage.

Contemporary stiff vellum.

These are two different books on the same topic bound together. The Valsalva retains the dedication leaf absent from most copies and the Langerak book catalogue is also present. Both books are classics of otology. The Valsalva provides invaluable information on the smallest muscles and nerves of the ear as well as illustrates a method of inflating the middle ear that is still used today. The Du Verney is the scientific account of the structures and diseases of the ear. He was also first to develop a theory of audition that has been generally credited to Helmholtz. Though issued years apart (and often sold separately) it is safe to assume the Langerak issued a number of copies of this book in this manner. See G-M #1545 & #1546 citing the first editions.

\$2,000



2. Tiedemann, F. **The Anatomy of the Foetal Brain ... to which are added some late observations ... over the development of the nervous system in general.**

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Edinburgh: J Carfrae, 1826.

First English Edition. 8vo, xviii, [1] - 324, [2] pp. + 14 black and white lithographic plates of the brain.

Good; spine darkened; rebacked with the original spine laid down; spotting.

Original cloth backed boards.

A pioneer work in foetal anatomy. Tiedemann was able to accurately record the precise stage at which various structures arise in the brain while also noting changes in the peripheral nerves, the crossing of the pyramidal tracts and the cranial shift of the sacral part of the spinal cord.

DSB XIII, 402; Hirsch V, 586 - '87 - classic work; Courville #2217.

\$775

3. Bruel, Walter.

Praxis Medicinae, or, The Physicians Practise ... Explaining the Nature of Each Disease ... with Direction for the Diet ... Cures

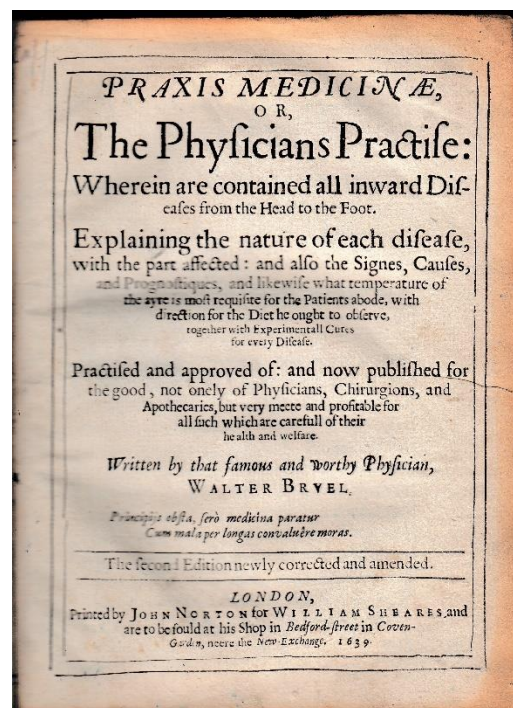
London: John Norton for William Sheares, 1639.

Second Enlarged English Edition. Small 4to, [4], 407 pp. [there is one leaf of the index bound out of place].

Very good, with some toning and occasional spotting; good margins; small tear part way into p. 373 with marginal paper flaw (no loss).

Modern leather in a period style.

Mettler comments that this book was, 'one of the most popular therapeutic works in the middle of the seventeenth century'. The book is a complete guide to treatments of all kinds omitting only surgical procedure. It is classified by disease or complaint supplying the causes and signs while recommending cures. The work is ambitious including chapters on palsey and paralysis, 'A method serving for the knowledge of Melancholy or Black Choler' etc.. The cures make use of the entire range of medicinal plants; each is identified as is the compound and preparation. New STC #3930; Mettler p. 372. \$1,250



4. Saunders, J C [Farre, J R ed.].

A Treatise on Some Practical Points Relating to the Diseases of the Eye.

London: Longman, Hurst, Rees ..., 1816.

Second Edition. 8vo, [4 - adverts], [2 - blank], [iii] - xlvii, [1 - blank], [1] - 234, [2 - adverts] pp. + 8 plates (7 hand colored) and a frontispiece.

Good; covers present but detached; spine abraded; inst. pocket on rear pastedown but with no accessioning. Original boards.

Saunders' book was one of the standard texts of ophthalmology for the early 19th century. He was responsible for founding the first ophthalmological hospital in London. The book is a designed to illustrate the surgical procedures for curing the conditions represented. The plates are graphic and well executed. Becker #368. \$200

**5. Strong, Richard P - IMMUNOLOGY.
Some Questions Relating to Virulence of Micro - Organisms,
with Particular Reference to Their Immunizing Powers.**

Manila: Philippines: Dept. of the Interior, Bureau of Gov't. Lab's., 1904.
First Edition. 8vo, 38 pp. + 12 fldg. charts.
Very good..
Original printed wrappers.

Strong's research was carried out under the direction of A Wassermann at the Inst. für Infektionskrankheiten whose director was R Koch. The research was on two distinct strains of cholera spirilla and the cause of their variant virulence. Strong provides an excellent treatment of the early literature in bacteriology and immunology as a preface to reporting his own results. See G - M #5531.1. \$175

**6. Houssay, B A - DIABETES - KIDNEY.
Collection of 42 offprints.**

vp: var., 1924-'43. OFFPRINTS 8vo.
All in original printed wrappers; some with punched holes though generally all are in very good condition. in a drop down clam shell box.

Houssay did important work in sugar metabolism for which he was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1947. A most difficult group of offprints to assemble given their places of publication. See G - M #1169 & 2721. \$2,000

**7. Ochsner, A J - SURGERY.
Collection of 52 offprints.**

vp: var., 1890/1925. OFFPRINTS. 8vo./4to.
All in original printed. wrappers; some with punched holes though generally all are in very good condition. in a drop down clam shell box.

A noted surgeon. The papers offered here are primarily surgical but some refer to the construction of hospitals. See G - M #5625. \$1,500

8. Pott, Percivall - SURGERY - NEUROLOGY.
The Chirurgical Works of Percivall Pott ... with his last corrections, 2 vols.

Philadelphia: J Webster, 1819.

First American Edition. 8vo. There are 15 engraved plates.

Very good with some internal spotting and browning; bindings. with modest scrapes.

Full contemporary calf.

An important compilation of the author's surgical works that includes his remarks on paralysis and the spinal cord (fully illustrated). Austin #1556; see G - M for the author's entries. \$950

9. White, C.
Observations on the Gangrenes and Mortifications, Accompanied with, or Occasioned by, Convulsive Spasms, or Arising from Local Injury

Warrington: W Eyres, 1790.

First Edition. 8vo.

Good; 19th cent. inst. stamp erased from the title; perf. stamp on last leaf.

Modern boards.

White is best known for his ob-gyn. work. The pamphlet offered here is exceptional as a foray into a difficult subject and the recommendation of a topical application to 'cure' it. Blake, p. 488; absent from Waring. \$200

10. Emmet, T A.
Vesico - Vaginal Fistula from Parturition and Other Causes with Cases of Recto - Vaginal Fistula.

New York: W Wood, 1868.

First Edition. 8vo, [4], xii, [13] - 250 pp. There are text illus.

Good; leather label abraded; horizontal split to the backstrip covering; small gouge to the backstrip cloth; old institutional bookplate - no accessioning. Original publisher's cloth.

G - M cites this as a comprehensive and valuable account. This may be a publisher's pres. binding since other copies bearing Emmet's presentation are known in this green cloth with leather label. G - M #6058; Rutkow GY13; Norman # 706. \$1,000

11. Koch, R.

Die Bekämpfung der Infektionskrankheiten insbesondere der Kriegsseuchen.

Berlin: A Hirschwald, 1888.

First Edition. 8vo.

Good; trimmed somewhat; small inst. stamp on upper frt. wrapper.

Original printed wrappers.

Koch's reputation had already been made when this publication appeared. The issue discussed was the loss of life suffered in the army due to contagious disease. Koch outlined the problem and made specific suggestions to remedy the situation. The DSB notes this as one of Koch's most important publications. See G-M for the author's contributions to bacteriology. \$475

12. Smyth, James C - CONTAGION - MILITARY.

A Description of the Jail Distemper - BOUND WITH - An Account of the Experiment ... on Board the Union Hospital Ship

London: J Johnson, 1795 / 1796.

First Editions. 8vo, I - viii, iv, [1] - 248 pp.; II - vi, [7] - 75, [1 - blank] pp. + large folding plate of the deck plans of a hospital ship.

Very good; first title with an institutional perforation stamp; repair of small section of fold (no loss).

Modern linen.

A little known but important series of experiments and observations recorded in this pairing. Smyth has received posthumous credit for being the first to successfully overcome infectious contagion among populations of individuals whether they be in prison or the military. In this instance it was the ' jail distemper ' (typhus) . The ailment is particularly troublesome to recognize since it has no demonstrative symptoms except perhaps a rash; it therefore remained ill defined until well into the nineteenth century. Smyth was able to come up with a practical solution to halt its spread among populations and for this reason was granted a handsome bounty by the English parliament in 1802. An important pair of publications in the history of infectious disease. DNB XVII, 592-593. \$1,475

13. Amesbury, J[oseph] - INSTRUMENTS.

A Syllabus of Surgical Lectures on the Nature and Treatment of Fractures, Diseases of the Joints, and Deformities of the Limbs and Spine: Containing Descriptions of the Modes of Applying Twelve New Apparatuses

London: Printed for Thomas and George Underwood ..., 1827.
First Edition. 8vo, xvi, [1] - 146, [2 - adverts] pp. + 12 lithographic plates.
Very good; binding somewhat dry; two spots on the front cover.
Contemporary three-quarter leather over binder's cloth.

A renown work for its introduction of new orthopedic devices for simple and complex cases. The book is an outline of the application of Amesbury's inventions and transcriptions of individual procedures from his case book. He also notes in the introduction that the various apparatus he refers to may be obtained at the shop of Mr Grafton in King Street (Clifton, Directory, p. 117 citing later dates and different addresses). Despite the evident hucksterism the treatise is of value for its awareness and treatment of orthopedic problems and collateral issues, e.g., soft tissue trauma accompanying broken bones. In all an informed and remarkably adept treatise. Hirsch I, p. 113.

\$475

14. Liegeois, Jules.

De la Suggestion et du Somnambulisme dans leurs Rapports avec la Jurisprudence et la Médecine Légal.

Paris: Octave Doin, 1889.
First Edition. 12mo, [6], vii [viii - blank], [1] - 758 pp.
Very good; unopened. Original printed publisher's wrappers.

Liegeois taught law at Nancy and was part of the Bernheim's research group into the origins and effects of hypnotism. Liegeois was fascinated with the issue of criminal responsibility under the influence of hypnotic suggestion. He undertook numerous experiments often obtaining striking results. The book offered here is an exhaustive inquiry into the law and hypnotism. An important book. Crabtree, #1237; Tinterow, Foundations ..., pp. 413-417; Gauld, pp. 494-500.

\$475

15. Folger, Alfred M.

The Family Physician. Being A Domestic Medical Work, Written In Plain Style, And Divided Into Four Parts.

Spartanburg, SC: Z D Cottrell, Printed by G H Joyce, 1845.
First Edition. 8vo, vii, [8] - 320 pp.
Good; overall toning; some wear, some scattered spotting; warping to the binding - typical of surviving southern imprints of this period.
Full contemporary sheep.

Alfred M. Folger, a southern doctor who practiced in Stokes County, North Carolina and in Pickens, South Carolina. According to the title page, Folger was "formerly one of the attending physicians in the Cherokee Hospital," a reference to his appointment as the U S government physician at the Cherokee Hospital in Spartanburg, SC.. Part one is "Devoted to Hygiene, Or The Art of Preserving Health," and provides general advice for staying healthy, i.e. exercise, sleep, eating right, cleanliness, temperance, and sections

on "periodical bleedings," and "wet feet." There are also sections on emotional health, including anger, fear and love, a section on the relationship between religion and health, and a section excoriating the use of tobacco. In a passage headed "On Hygiene Air," Folger recalls his experience working on the Cherokee emigration, where "it fell to my lot to attend to twelve hundred Indians, encamped in the woods...Some of them were situated in the low ground...others on a considerable eminence;" he adds that those on the high ground experienced a much lower degree of sickness, showing "the advantage of free air." Part two, "To The History of and Cure of General Diseases," describes the symptoms, causes, and treatments of numerous ailments, including gonorrhea, syphilis, deafness, mammary abscess, and more. Next, part three, "To The History and Cure of Diseases Incident to Children and Females," describes the symptoms, causes and treatments of diseases of women and children, including menstrual ailments, issues with pregnancy, miscarriage, and more. This section contains a lengthy passage on childbirth which warns against the dangers of using midwives while in labor ("How many mothers are doomed to drag out a miserable existence, from an injury sustained by the conduct of some ignorant old lady!"). Finally, part four, "A History of Medicines," describes numerous herbal remedies, including opium, "Indian Tobacco," "Indian Physic," and "Indian Turnip." It also contains recipes for various medicines, including cough mixtures, a mixture for colic of infants, pills for amenorrhea, etc. A rare and important South Carolina medical imprint. Atwater Catalog Supplement, #S405.2; see Cozzens, *A Brutal Reckoning* for the history of the Creek Indian removal. \$2,800

16. Burnet, F M - TRANSPLANT SURGERY. **Collection of 70 offprints.**

vp: 1926/'38. OFFPRINTS. 8vo./4to.

Most are in very good condition with hole punches in the gutter; some of the later papers are printed on poor quality paper.

Drop down clam shell box.

A noted surgeon who received the Nobel Prize in 1960 for his discovery of acquired immunological tolerance to tissue transplant. He also did notable research in bacteriology and communicable diseases; the organism responsible for Q fever is named after him (Rickettsia burneti). His three Garrison-Morton papers are present in this collection. G - M #4670.5 & 5398 & 5496. \$2,000

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